

AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1 of the specification, please amend the first paragraph immediately below the title, as follows:

This is a continuation of U.S.S.N. application no. 08/747,241, filed on 10/12/96
November 12, 1996, now abandoned, which is a continuation of U.S.S.N.
08/418,926, filed April 7, 1995, now abandoned, which is a continuation of
U.S.S.N. 07/976,122, filed November 13, 1992, now abandoned.

REMARKS

In the instant application, the Transmittal Letter filed 22 December 1997 amends the specification by inserting a claim of priority paragraph on page 1 of the specification, immediately below the title of the invention. This 22 December amendment states a claim of priority to USSN 08/747,241 filed 10/12/96.

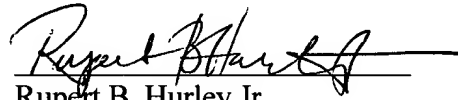
The amendment above corrects the filing date of USSN 08/747,241 from October 12, 1996 to November 12, 1996. The above amendment also includes the further facts that USSN 08/747,241 is a continuation of 08/418,926 filed 4/7/95, now abandoned, and that the '926 application is a continuation of USSN 07/976,122, filed November 13, 1992, now abandoned.

Applicants further direct the Examiner's attention to the "Proposed priority benefit" section

of the "Interference Initial Memorandum" dated 04 November 2002, which acknowledges each of the priority claims set forth in the amendment above.

The above amendment above includes no new matter. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment. Should there be any questions or any other matters related to this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rupert B. Hurley Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

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